

Xilinx introduces New High-Speed Download Cable

MultiLinx reduces download times by 10X over the older XChecker solution.

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ur new download cable, called
MultiLINXTM, features a high-speed
USB input (or RS232 if you prefer) and
a full set of interfaces for the SelectMAP (Virtex),
Slave Serial, and IEEE JTAG Download
Modes Using a USB cable (with an
8-Mbit per second throughput)
the cable can download an
XCV1000 in less than a
second compared to more
than 14 minutes using the

older XChecker Cable.

MultiLINX supports all

Xilinx FPGAs and CPLDs (Virtex,

XC4000XL/XLA/XV, XC5000,

Spartan/XL, XC9500). It automatically switches
to a wide range of interface voltages including

TTL (5 volts), LVTTL (3.3 volts), LVCMOS (3

volts), JESD8-7 (2.5 volts normal and 2.5 volt

wide), without the need for a separate external
adapter. It's also compatible with 1.8-volt
devices (with VCCIO set to 2.5 volts), and it

accepts any voltage from 3.0 to 5.0 volts as a power supply input (from either a target application or external power supply).

Download speeds are increased by 50% even when using the standard 25-pin RS232 cable with the

MultiLINX on-board bitstream compression.

MultiLINX offers both flexibility and highperformance to make downloading and

MultiLinx Download Cable programming Xilinx programmable logic easier and faster than ever.

For more information see: http://www.xilinx.com/support/programr/cables.htm#Multilinx